

Waiheke Local Board Workshop Agenda

Date of Workshop: Wednesday 8 February 2023

Time: 10:30

Location: Waiheke Local Board, 10 Belgium Street; MS Teams

Indicative Time	Workshop Item	Governance role	Purpose	Presenter(s)	Proposed Outcome(s)
10:30	Item 1 Infrastructure and Environments Services Update Attachment: IES Update to LB Advocate Role	Keeping Informed	Receive update on progress	Donna Carter <i>Relationship Advisor</i> Deryn Dromgoole <i>Senior Conservation Advisor</i> Jonathan Miles <i>Team Manager Islands</i>	To provide members with an update
11:30	Item 2 Local Board feedback on the draft Future for Local Government report Attachment: Future for Local Government agenda report	Input to regional decision making	Provide feedback on policy options	Janine Geddes <i>Senior Advisor</i>	Define board position and feedback prior to decision-making process at the 22 Feb business meeting
12:30	Lunch Break				
13:00	Extraordinary Business Meeting				
14:00	Item 3 LBAP & LBP Egagement Strategies	Keeping informed	Informal dissemination	Janine Geddes <i>Senior Advisor</i> Lisa Waldner <i>Engagement Advisor</i>	To provide members with an update

Governance Role

1. Accountability to the public
2. Engagement
3. Input to regional decision-making
4. Keeping informed
5. Local initiative / preparing for specific decisions
6. Oversight and monitoring
7. Setting direction / priorities / budget

Role of Workshop:

- (a) Workshops do not have decision-making authority.
- (b) Workshops are used to canvass issues, prepare local board members for upcoming decisions and to enable discussion between elected members and staff.
- (c) Workshops are not open to the public as decisions will be made at a formal, public local board business meeting.
- (d) Members are respectfully reminded of their Code of Conduct obligations with respect to conflicts of interest and confidentiality.
- (e) Workshops for groups of local boards can be held giving local boards the chance to work together on common interests or topics

Waiheke Collective Coordinator- *Conservation Advocate*

Local Board update

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To cover today

- Recruitment summary
- Waiheke Collective purpose and role purpose
- Update on progress so far and future plans
- Kōrero and pātai



ROLE RECRUITMENT SUMMARY 2022

**Conservation
Advisor and
Waiheke Collective
Co-ordinator
recruited -July 2022
and Dec 2022**

Recruitment
completed and
Funding finalised
through a funding
agreement

**Waiheke Collective
Co-ordinator -Saida
Bruce**

employed by WRT and
accountable to the
Waiheke Collective via
the Sub-group and
Local board.

Sub group
established and 18
month contract
confirmed. 20-21
Carry over and 21-
22 funds, support
employment
through to
19/05/2024.

**Reporting
requirements
and
timeframes
Agreed**

timeframes
agreed to match
local board
updates Jul, Oct,
Jan, Apr

**Work in
progress**

A number of
outstanding tasks
have been
completed and
forward planning
is well underway

Waiheke Collective

Purpose

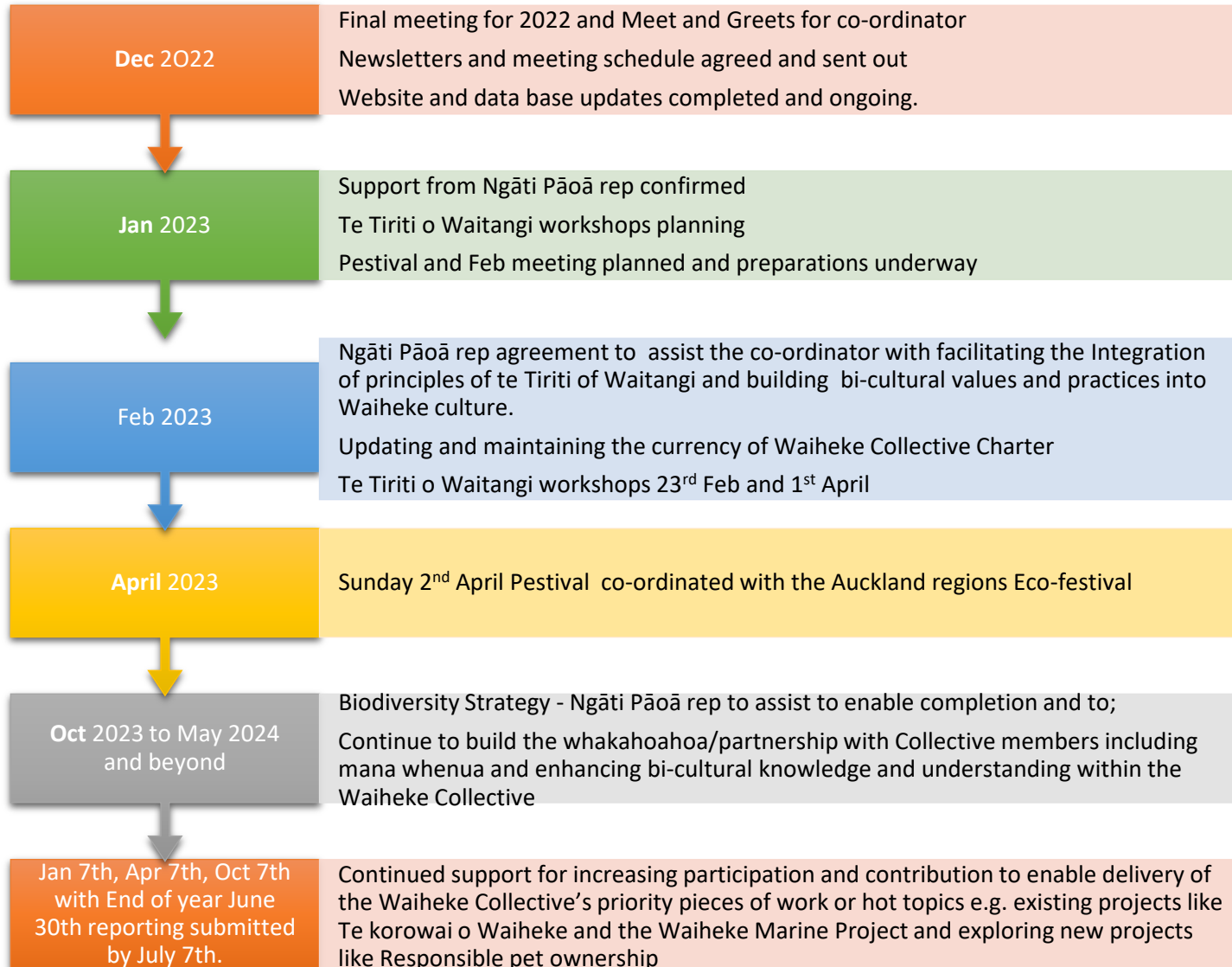
- The Waiheke Collective is “A united network that works together to activate and amplify efforts for a healthy and thriving Waiheke natural environment”.



Role Purpose

- **Connecting** people and organisations together to **uphold the vision statement** and the Waiheke Collective charter.
- Support the Waiheke conservation community to **foster and maintain healthy relationships** to work together collaboratively.
- Support the Waiheke Collective to **empower** tangata whenua and mana whenua interests and participation.
- To engage a **diversity of voices** in **working together collaboratively**.

Progress update and Milestones





Kōrero

**(discussion and
feedback)**



Pātai
(Questions)

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Local board feedback on the draft Future for Local Government report

File No.: CP2023/00126

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To seek feedback from local boards on the Draft Report released by the Future for Local Government Review Panel.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The Future for Local Government Review Panel released its Draft Report (the Report) for consultation on 28 October 2022.
3. Auckland Council is preparing a submission in response to the Report. Submissions close on 28 February 2023.
4. The Report makes 29 recommendations on a wide range of areas including: revitalising citizen-led democracy, achieving Tiriti-based partnership between Māori and local government, the approach to allocating roles and functions across different players, achieving genuine partnership between central and local government, more equitable funding, designing a local government system to enable the change we need, and putting in place effective system stewardship.
5. Auckland Council has previously reached positions on some of the Report's recommendations through programmes of work or engagement with central government. These positions will be the starting point for preparing the submission but there will be an opportunity for this council to reconsider those positions.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) provide feedback on the Draft Report to inform the council's draft submission.

Horopaki Context

6. The Minister for Local Government established the Future for Local Government Review (the Review) in April 2021 and established a Review Panel (the Panel). The purpose of the Review is to identify how our local democracy and governance system needs to evolve over the next 30 years, to improve the wellbeing of communities and the environment and to actively embody the Treaty partnership.
7. The Panel released its Interim Report in October 2021. The case for change described a local government under pressure without all the levers needed to deliver on community wellbeing. The sector therefore needs to work collaboratively with others including central government, iwi/Māori organisations, the business sector and community groups. It noted that trust had broken down and that there is a need for greater understanding between central government and local government.
8. The Panel released its Draft Report *He mata whāriki, he matawhānui* on 28 October 2022. The Report can be found at: <https://www.futureforlocalgovernment.govt.nz/reports/>

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9. The Report makes 29 recommendations and asks a range of questions intended to inform the Final Report to the Minister.
10. The Panel states that we are in a period of change (climate change, pandemics, biodiversity loss, social and economic inequity). This is causing many of our communities to lose trust in democratic institutions and to disengage. Government reform is creating further uncertainty for the role of local government in communities.
11. The challenges facing Aotearoa New Zealand are too big for central government to address alone. Local government has a fundamental role to play in responding to these complex issues and improving the wellbeing of communities. This will require renewal and change (shifts) to many aspects of the local government system.
12. The Panel previously indicated five shifts are needed to make this change: strengthened local democracy, authentic relationships with hapū/iwi and Māori, a focus on wellbeing, genuine partnership between central and local government, and more equitable funding. Two additional shifts – system design and stewardship – will also need to be considered.
13. The Report sets out recommendations and asks questions in relation to: revitalising citizen-led democracy, Tiriti-based partnership between Māori and local government, allocating roles and functions, local government as champion and activator of wellbeing, replenishing and building on representative democracy, and equitable funding and finance.
14. Following the release of the Report, the Review Panel undertook a further round of engagement with the local government sector across New Zealand. This included three in-person sessions with local board members in Auckland on 5 and 6 December 2022.
15. The Governing Body has approved the preparation of an Auckland Council submission in response to the Report. Submissions are due by 28 February 2023.
16. The Panel's Final Report is due with the Minister by June 2023. Any response to the Panel's final recommendations will be a decision for the next government.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu

Analysis and advice

17. The purpose of the Review is highly relevant to local government and Auckland Council.
18. Some recommendations in the Report are of a functional order (e.g. allocation of roles), some more foundational (e.g. Te Tiriti based partnerships) and some about the 'system' we work within. The Report does not necessarily set out all the relationships/interdependencies between the components.
19. It is proposed that the council's submission draws these connections where possible to ensure there is a clear understanding of how all elements of the future system will work together and potential impacts and risks. Council should also seek further clarity on the future funding framework for local government and the pathway to build the required capability and capacity to carry out its future role.
20. The council has formed positions in previous terms on a number of recommendations contained in the Report. These will be the starting point for preparing the submission but there will be an opportunity for this council to reconsider those positions through the drafting process.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi

Climate impact statement

21. The Report acknowledges that councils have a significant role in mitigating and adapting to climate impacts in their areas. It also notes that the future climate challenge for local government is likely to be greater than the challenge it has faced over the past 30 years to address the infrastructure deficit.
22. Current funding streams to manage the impacts of climate events are already being challenged, placing many communities at risk and requiring a long-term approach to

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addressing these issues. The sums involved to mitigate and respond to climate effects are likely to be significant.

23. Accordingly, the Report recommends (recommendation 23) that central government develops an intergenerational fund for climate change, with the application of the fund requiring appropriate regional and local decision-making input.
24. In its submission on the Draft National Adaptation Plan earlier this year, Auckland Council argued that central government funding is crucial and must have a long-term focus.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

25. CCO chairs and chief executives have been provided with a summary and high-level analysis of the Report.
26. CCO staff are included in the experts across the council group who will develop the council's submission for approval.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

27. The Report proposes that putting wellbeing at the core of council's purpose and its roles and functions will unlock greater wellbeing outcomes for communities. Councils have an opportunity to strengthen and expand their role in three key ways: as anchor institutions, place-makers, and systems networkers and convenors.
28. The Report also proposes a framework to guide the allocation of roles and functions between different actors: central government, local government, hapū/iwi and community. The framework starts with a local-first approach (the subsidiarity principle) and is guided by te ao Māori values.
29. The Panel has engaged with local board members over the course of the Review in July 2021, March 2022 and most recently on 5 and 6 December 2022 through three separate in-person sessions held across Auckland.
30. Local board views on the Report are sought and will be incorporated into the council's submission as appropriate. Formal local board feedback will be appended to council's submission.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

31. A finding of the Review is that the system needs to ensure a more meaningful expression of rangatiratanga and a more culturally specific exercise of kāwanatanga by councils, with te ao Māori values reflected at all levels of the system.
32. In response, the Report proposes fundamental changes to Te Tiriti o Waitangi provisions of the Local Government Act 2002, a strategic role for Māori in identifying and addressing priority outcomes that will lift community wellbeing, as well as strengthened specific mechanisms for partnership and engagement (including the incorporation of tikanga Māori).
33. It also proposes improvements to Māori representation at the council table, and a concerted investment in the capability and capacity of both local government and Māori to build and maintain a Tiriti-based partnership in local governance.
34. Staff have engaged with iwi on the system shifts proposed by the Panel at earlier stages in the Review process. Now that the Report has been released, iwi have been asked for their views to be considered for inclusion in council's submission.
35. There has been ongoing engagement with IMSB staff on the Review and they will have an opportunity to review the council's submission.

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Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

36. The submission will be developed within existing resources.
37. The recommendations of the Review Panel are multi-faceted and there is insufficient information to anticipate or quantify financial implications for the council.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

38. No risks have been identified in relation to preparation of council's submission.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

39. Staff are drafting a submission for the Governing Body's approval at its meeting on 23 February 2023.
40. There will be a briefing on the Draft Report for local board members on 23 January 2023.
41. Local board views to be considered for incorporation into council's submission must be received by 2 February 2023.
42. Formal feedback to be appended to council submissions must be received by 23 February 2023.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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